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CLAIMS

- 1. Device adapted to be used with a female recess tool for clamping a mobile element (such as a nut), to be completely inserted in said female recess and to be maintained therein by securing means, said device being constituted by an element having one of its dimensions substantially smaller than its other two located in a plane perpendicular to the axis of clamping of said mobile element, characterized in that said element allows the marking or identification of said female recess tool with the aid of an inscription (4) corresponding to information relative to said tool.
- Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that said information relates to the dimension of said tool.
 - 3. Device according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that said securing means employ forces of friction.
 - 4. Device according to Claim 3, characterized in that the forces of friction are generated by rubbings between the inner wall of said female recess and the lateral surface of said device.
 - 5. Device according to one of Claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it presents a shape complementary to the shape of said female recess or a shape circumscribed in the shape of said female recess or a shape included in the shape of said female recess.
 - 6. Device according to one of Claims 1 to 5, characterized in that it is constituted by a pellet (1).

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- 7. Device according to Claim 6, characterized in that the pellet (1) is semi-rigid.
- 8. Device according to one of Claims 6 or 7, characterized in that the pellet (1) is made of plastics material.
- 5 9. Device according to one of Claims 6 or 7, characterized in that the pellet (1) is made of metallic material.
 - 10. Device according to one of Claims 6 to 9, characterized in that the pellet
 - (1) has a thickness included between 0.1 and 1.5 mm, preferably between 0.3 and 0.5 mm.
- 10 11. Device according to one of Claims 6 to 10, characterized in that the pellet (1) is of concave shape.
 - 12. Device according to one of Claims 6 to 11, characterized in that the pellet presents on at least one of its faces information relative to the dimensions of said tool.
- 13. Device according to Claim 12, characterized in that said information is inscribed on the two faces of the pellet.
 - 14. Device according to one of Claims 1 to 13, characterized in that the securing means are of removable type.
- 15. Device according to one of the preceding Claims, characterized in that said tool is a hand tool, particularly a socket (5) or a tube wrench.

- 16. Device according to one of the preceding Claims, characterized in that it is constituted by a multi-layer material.
- 17. Device according to Claim 16, characterized in that the multi-layer material is constituted by a layer of plastics or metallic material, by at least one layer of ink and by a layer of protective material such as a varnish.

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